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TELEPHONE CALL FROM SECRETARY TO MR. GREENE



Sec. said he had a very good night, but has put on more weight and doctors feel it might be sign of more fluid reformation going on. Gained 1 1/2 or 1 1/4 lbs over night. X-ray's are all right.

JNG reported Pres. decided that he wanted to try to accommodate Macmillan in language of our draft reply on Summitry re Macmillan's letter to Pres. last week. JNG read new proposed language to Sec. Sec. asked about French and Germans. The French JNG said as ^{he} understood it, are willing to have a Summit conference in that connection but want first the FM meeting. JNG went on to say Pres's. whole thought was that he didn't want to get so committed to Summit but wanted to find way to loosen it up. Macmillan's thought is that we should agree to Summit conference. DeGaulle sent in letter which Alphand brought in last evening - it is long and involved. JNG summarized letter to Sec. Sec. said he thinks Summit conference may be inevitable. He has been fighting one off for a year and a half and thinks it would be nothing but disastrous. JNG told Sec of Thompson's thoughts on Khrushchev view. Whitney reports that he gets clear impression that Macmillan has idea too that Khrushchev owns the business and isn't going to let anyone but himself do anything. Sec. said if anyone could come up with specific ideas on what will come ^{up} ~~as~~ he would be more amenable to idea of conference. JNG said both Thompson and Bruce have contributed good



pieces on their thoughts. And the Department's working group, who are now in Paris, has its ideas. Sec. said yes, our views, but wonders what Khrushchev will propose. JNG said publicly they keep changing and Thompson thinks he won't show his complete hand until he gets to meeting, and he is not likely to give up East Germany.

JNG mentioned Jack Raymond's column in TIMES today re NATO Military Meeting and explained it was inaccurate.

Re Mrs. Luce JNG said it is not clear whether Committee will get on with it. Brazilians brought in note saying that present situation does not change their minds about wanting Mrs. L. and hope that she will come. WBM brought this to attention of Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee and WBM thinks in their meeting next Tuesday they might confirm her without hearing.

JNG told Sec. Katzen was coming in to deliver his long awaited report on the Exchange of Information Program in Israel.

Sec. said AWD came last evening and they had a little talk re Iraq and Berlin.

Sec. said he may want to dictate for a while on Sunday if one of the girls could come up with book and typewriter. Sec. will let JNG know definitely Sunday morning.

Sec. thought maybe PDB and Rudolph could stand by and perhaps come out to work on books this afternoon. Sec. will call in around 3:00 p. m.



Also if JNG could send think pieces out Saturday morning. Sec. wants to have them at hospital.

Sec. said he gathered Cabot Lodge had probably talked to Pres. Sec. said he had purely inference from Pres. Pres. when he was out used some phrases that were almost identical with phrases Cabot had used day before in talking to Sec. JNG said present question is timing of any move in Security Council. Lodge has been talking with French and British colleagues.

Sec. and JNG briefly discussed way press were playing Sec's. role in Macmillan talks. They agreed it was all right. JNG said everyone wants to leave decision until time comes for the right one to be made. Sec. mentioned he may have to go through another drainage operation.

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